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## **Railroad Museum Celebrates “Diesels & Dads” On Father’s Day Weekend - June 15 & 16** *Two Eye-Catching Diesels from Museum’s Impressive Collection To Pull Weekend Excursion Trains Both Saturday & Sunday*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are gearing up to celebrate “Diesels and Dads” on Father’s Day weekend – June 15 & 16 -- by operating two visually-exciting and gracefully-styled diesel locomotives as part of the popular weekend excursion train rides on the Museum’s Sacramento Southern Railroad. These brightly painted diesels -- Western Pacific No. 913 and Southern Pacific “Daylight” No. 6051 -- will pull the excursion trains both Saturday and Sunday on Father’s Day weekend. These eye-catching and classic streamlined locomotives are representative of the so-called “First Generation” of diesel-electric locomotives which replaced steam engines all across America during the 1940s and 1950s.

Especially with these special diesel locomotives in operation, fathers and grandfathers will enjoy taking a relaxing train ride aboard a historic locomotive along the Sacramento River. Weekend excursion train rides depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission weekend excursion train ride tickets are available in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between “J” and “K” Streets in Old Sacramento. Train ride tickets cost \$10 adults; \$5 youths ages 6-17; free for children ages 5 and under (\$15 for first class tickets aboard the first class *El Dorado*). Advance tickets to ride the first-class *El Dorado* are available to reserve online.

After Father’s Day weekend, the two special diesel locomotives may make other special appearances later this summer, more details to follow. To book the first-class *El Dorado*, please visit [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org) or call (916) 445-6645 for more information about train rides and/or the Railroad Museum in general.

**About the California State Railroad Museum**

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Widely regarded as North America’s finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org) or call (916) 445-6645.

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